

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL  
MAY 1, 1957

This regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi held beginning at 8:00 o'clock p.m. of Wednesday, May 1, 1957; Councilmen Fuller, Katzakian, Mitchell, and Hughes (Mayor) present; Councilman Robinson absent. City Manager Weller and City Attorney Mullen present.

Minutes of April 3, 1957, were approved as written and mailed. Minutes of April 17, 1957, were approved with the correction on page five, paragraph entitled, "Option Signed by City of Lodi for 12.75 Acres." The words Planning Commission are corrected to read Recreation Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS

CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING CONFERENCE      A letter from the Mayor of Modesto inviting the City Council to attend the second Central Valley Regional Planning Conference to be held in Modesto May 9 and 10.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION FROM FORREST E. COOPER      Letter from Forrest E. Cooper, thanking the City Council for its recent action in designating the animal shelter as the Forrest E. Cooper Animal Shelter.

ABC LICENSE      Application for Alcoholic Beverage License for On-Sale Beer to Sally Johnson, 117 N. Sacramento Street.

ABC LICENSE      Application for Alcoholic Beverage License for Off-Sale Beer and Wine to Purity Stores, 121 S. School Street.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

CLAIMS      Claims in the amount of \$26,704.14 were approved on the motion of Councilman Fuller, Katzakian second.

PURCHASE OF SMITH PROPERTY      A letter from the Superintendent of Recreation, reporting that the Recreation Commission had considered the purchase of the 12-acre parcel adjoining Lodi Lake Park on the west from Mrs. Stella Smith. The Commission recommended that the City secure an option, and found that the purchase of the property would be of value to the City in its future park development. On the motion of Councilman Katzakian, Mitchell second, the City Council voted to exercise the option and to authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to proceed with the purchase of the land.

OLIVE COURT EXTENSION      The City Manager reported that he received an offer for the dedication of Olive Court for the extension of that street beyond the Preszler Tract. Olive Court is presently dedicated and improved in the Preszler Tract. The property owners living west of this property wish to extend the street to the dead-end and are therefore offering it for public use. He reported that the majority of the property owners have agreed to pay for the street improvement. The City Engineer recommended that the

street be accepted with the understanding that the street will be improved to the standards required for a new subdivision. Councilman Mitchell then moved, Fuller second, that the City accept the deeds with the understanding that the dedication is to be at no cost to the City and that paving, curb, and gutter will also be installed at no cost to the City. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

ST. PAUL'S  
CHURCH REQUEST  
FOR PASSENGER  
LOADING ZONE

RES. NO. 2021  
ADOPTED

The City Manager reported a request had been received for a passenger loading zone in front of St. Paul's Lutheran Church at the corner of Pleasant Avenue and Tokay Street. The request was for a loading zone extending from the Tokay Street corner south to the edge of a concrete platform in front of the church for a total length of approximately 81 feet. Mr. Weller stated that the request had been submitted to the City Engineer, who recommended that the request be granted for a 40-foot loading zone, extending from the south edge of the concrete platform north. This would permit the retention of two parking stalls between the loading zone and the Tokay Street corner. Councilman Fuller stated he felt a 40-foot loading zone would be insufficient for their purpose and indicated he would favor granting the original

request for an 81-foot loading zone. It was pointed out that St. Paul's Church does not provide off-street parking at present. Councilman Mitchell moved, Katzakian second, the adoption of Resolution No. 2021, awarding a 40-foot loading zone as recommended by the City Engineer. Resolution No. 2021 was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen - Katzakian, Mitchell and Hughes

NOES: Councilmen - Fuller

ABSENT: Councilmen - Robinson

Councilman Fuller explained that he opposed the adoption of Resolution No. 2021 only on the basis that the length of the loading zone had been reduced.

ELIMINATION  
OF RED ZONE ON  
E. LODI AVE.

RES. NO. 2022  
ADOPTED

The City Manager reported that the City Engineer had received a request from Suelzle Electric Company for the elimination of a 19-foot red zone in front of the company's establishment on East Lodi Avenue. The City Engineer explained that the red zone has been in existence for many years, but he can find no requirement for it at this time. The elimination of this red zone will provide one additional parking stall on Lodi Avenue. Resolution No. 2022, eliminating the red zone on East Lodi Avenue, was adopted on the motion of Councilman Katzakian, Fuller second.

ANNEXATION  
ERMA B. REESE  
SCHOOL SITE

The City Manager presented a petition from the Woods School District requesting the annexation of a 10-acre parcel recently purchased by the School Board. The property proposed for annexation lies at the extension of Elm Street and Mills

Avenue. Mr. Weller explained that property belonging to a school district and contiguous to the City boundary line may be annexed by the Board of Supervisors on petition by the City Council and the School District. He recommended that a request be made to the Board of Supervisors to conduct the necessary annexation procedure. On the motion of Councilman Katzakian, Mitchell second, the City Council authorized the Mayor to execute a petition on behalf of the City of Lodi for the annexation as requested by the Woods School District.

PASSENGER LOADING  
ZONE LODI FUNERAL  
HOME

RES. NO. 2023  
ADOPTED

The City Manager reported the receipt of a request from Mr. Sam Salas for the establishment of a passenger loading zone consisting of a 15-foot strip of curb lying between two driveways in front of the Lodi Funeral Home on South School Street. This length of curb is insufficient to provide a parking stall, however he felt could be utilized as a loading zone. The City Engineer recommended the approval of the request. On the motion of Councilman Mitchell, Fuller second, Resolution No. 2023, authorizing a 15-foot passenger loading zone in front of the Lodi Funeral Home, was adopted by unanimous vote.

SALE OF COUNTY  
DOG LICENSES

Mr. Weller reported the receipt of a letter from Mr. C.P. Kenyon, Executive Secretary of the Board of Supervisors, expressing the thanks of the Board of Supervisors to the City of Lodi for its efforts in selling dog licenses to the residents of the Fourth Supervisorial District. The Board also requested that the City continue this service for a short period of time as a service to the Lodi community. Mr. Weller explained that this service provided by the City has presented no problem to the operation of the Finance Department, and from the Administrative standpoint, there is no reason for not granting the request of the Board of Supervisors. The Council agreed to grant the request of the Board of Supervisors.

FILING OF HEARING  
QUESTIONNAIRE WITH  
P.U.C.

The City Manager then presented a recommendation that the City Council authorize the filing of a Hearing Questionnaire with the Public Utilities Commission in regard to the forthcoming hearing before the Commission on the request by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company for an increase in electric rates. He recommended that the City file as an "Interested Party". Mr. Weller explained that this action would authorize the City to present evidence, cross examine witnesses, and receive copies of the proceedings. He also recommended that the City join with other Northern California utility cities in the Northern California Municipal Electric Association in filing as an "Interested Party". On the motion of Councilman Mitchell, Katzakian second, the City Council authorized the City Manager to file a Hearing Questionnaire for the City of Lodi as an "Interested Party" and to also authorize participation with the N.C.M.E.A. in the case.

PROJECT STATE- The City Manager then informed the City Council that a project statement had been prepared for submission to the Division of Highways for the widening of Lodi Avenue between Main and School Streets. The estimated cost of the project is \$28,400. He explained that the north side of Lodi Avenue between Sacramento Street and the Southern Pacific right-of-way had been included in a project statement, but this can later be withdrawn if the City fails to secure the necessary deed for the right-of-way.

REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY The City Attorney reported that sidewalk along the east side of Lee Avenue, south of Chestnut Street, was now being installed. He also reported that he had received word from the Division of Highways that more time is necessary before the Division of Highways can present the City with a description of the frontage road on the east side of 99 Highway by-pass between Pine Street and Victor Road. He stated that this description must be received before the exchange of property can be completed with Mr. Clare Houston. He reported further that he had sent a letter to the appraisers employed by the City for the Parking District notifying them that they had failed to provide the appraisal figures as promised, and requested that they complete their work and submit their report at the earliest possible date.

The meeting was adjourned on the order of the Mayor at 8:55 p.m.

*Henry A. Graves Jr.*  
ATTEST: HENRY A. GRAVES JR.  
City Clerk